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which is a continuation of provisional application No. 60/012,220, filed February 23, 1996,
which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.--

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1)(AMENDED) A medical instrument comprising at least one memory metal tube
programmed for an effect selected from the group of effects consisting of memory effect [or] and
superelasticity and having in at least one section thereof a plurality of slots such that the slotted
section is capable of expansion and contraction.

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(7)(AMENDED) The instrument of claim 2 wherein said memory metal tube has a distal
end and wherein the slots in the memory metal tube extend to the distal end of the tube and have
been programmed to change in bending hooks upon delivery from the delivery tube.

In claim 9, line 1, delete "device" and insert --instrument--.


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of this continuation
application in light of the foregoing amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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